

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1-5, 9-13, and 17 are rejected. Claims 6-8 and 14-16 are indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims and intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable claims.

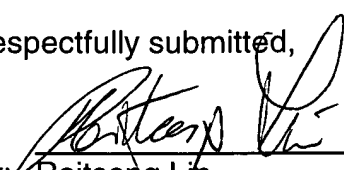
Claims 1-5, 9-13, and 17 are cancelled without prejudice and disclaimer. Claims 6, 7, 14, and 15 are amended.

Applicants agree that the meaning of the term "match" as used in the claims and the specification is not limited to exact word-to-word match, but still believe that claims 1-5, 9-13, and 17 are patentable over U.S. Patent Publication 200200264996 A1 ("Boyer") and US 6,374,406 B2 ("Hirata") for other reasons discussed in the response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004. However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution, applicants have cancelled claims 1-5, 9-13, and 17, and re-written the allowable claims 6, 7, 14, and 15 in independent form including the limitations of the respective base claims and intervening claims, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants submit that claims 6-8 and 14-16 are allowable in light of the amendment.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's objections and rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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